



STATE OF ARIZONA
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I. OVERVIEW

The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires that Federal agencies take into account the effects a project will have on historic resources and allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation the opportunity to comment on the effects of the project. Historic resources include structures, archaeological sites, traditional cultural properties, or other cultural sites, or other cultural resources included on or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The State of Arizona also supports Historic Preservation (ARS 41-501, et seq) and should review projects for repair of historic property damaged in state or federal disasters.

The NHPA requires:

- Identification of historic properties that may be affected by Federal and state funded activities.
- Assessment of the effects of the proposed work on historic properties.
- Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO)/Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and other interested parties to resolve adverse effects.
- Procedure with the work only after completing the historic review process.

State and Federal activities requiring NHPA compliance include:

- Repair or restoration of historic facilities,
- Demolition or removal of historic structures, and
- Improved, alternate or
- Relocated projects affecting historic or archaeological sites.

State and Federal agencies are required to make a good faith effort to identify historic properties with a given project areas potential effect.

II. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO)

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), a division of Arizona State Parks, ensures that significant properties are protected and effects taken into consideration at an early stage of any project. The SHPO operates in coordination with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), the National Trust, the National Park Service (NPS), and Recognized Tribal Historic Preservations Officers (THPO). Among the many economic benefits of the Arizona SHPO's mission is the revitalization of historic downtowns, which is an Arizona Department of Commerce Main Street program.

III. Historic and/or Culturally Significant Structures

Any structure for which federal funds are obligated for repair, demolition or construction, that:

- has historic and/or cultural significance, or
- that is at least 50 years old (i.e. built on or before 1956), whether it is on the National Register of Historic Places or may be eligible for listing,

must be reviewed by FEMA in consultation with the SHPO as required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. FEMA also consults with other interested parties who may have traditional cultural and historic interests.

IV. Archaeological

If a proposed project will be undertaken in previously undisturbed ground (such as road realignment, relocating utility lines, a material borrow for construction or fill) FEMA must consult with the SHPO and/or a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) or Tribal Cultural Resources Officer for archaeological concerns before construction starts. Indian tribes, communities and nations may have traditional cultural, historical and archaeological interests beyond the present day borders of their lands.

Archaeological review can be expedited by providing an accurate map of the proposed project site (SHPO prefers a USGS topographic quad sheet if available) and a description of all proposed work including depth of digging, for subsurface impacts.

If any cultural materials (i.e. human remains or burials, wells, cisterns, foundations, basements, prehistoric Indian or settler artifacts) are found after work begins the applicant must cease work immediately and protect the site and resources. The applicant must immediately notify ADEM/FEMA, who will contact the SHPO and/or the related THPO or Tribal Cultural Resources Officer. Work may resume after the necessary historic preservation actions are completed.

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Online searchable National Register of Historic Places: <http://www.nr.nps.gov/>
Search by Name, Location (State and County), etc.

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